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## RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 6,000 IN MAY TO 430,900

Primarily due to gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, overall establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 6,000 in May, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 430,900 in May. This represents an increase of 6,000 from the April level and is 2,300 greater than the May 1985 figure of 428,600.

### MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island rose by 200 from April to May. Moreover, the current figure of 119,600 is 1,900 more than the year earlier level of 117,700. In the Durable Goods category, the May employment total of 82,000 was up 200 from the previous month and increased by 1,500 jobs compared to a year ago. Payrolls in the Nondurable Goods producing industries remained at 37,600 for the April-May period, but this was 400 higher than the figure recorded in May 1985.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains in Jewelry-Silverware (+200) and Fabricated Metals (+100) more than offset a decline of 100 in Primary Metals. Employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries was unchanged for the month. Compared to

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## JOB OPENINGS WANTED FOR THE CLASS OF '86

Department of Employment Security Director John S. Renza urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to take a few moments and consider hiring from the Class of '86 – those young men and women graduating from college, from business and vocational schools and from high schools who are looking for their first job. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to Rhode Island's economy – and they are looking to you for that first opportunity.

The twelve local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are prepared to process applications for the graduates and to evaluate their abilities, aptitudes and interests in order to match the job-seeker to the needs of the employer.

Rhode Island employers are reminded that job orders can be listed with the Job Bank – 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Job Bank listings receive next-day statewide exposure. Employers may also list job openings with the nearest Job Service office. A listing appears on page two of this Bulletin.

JOB SERVICE

## RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. . . . .245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . . . 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, . . . . . .847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. . . . . .722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services . . . . . .277-3573
Jewelry . . . . . .277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction . . . . . .277-3556
Professional & Clerical . . . . . .277-3584
Temporary Help . . . . . .277-3559
.O. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road . . . . . .294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. . . . . .231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road . . . . . .789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. . . . . .737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. . . . . .596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. . . . . .828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. . . . . .762-9010

**OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

JOB BANK . . . . . .277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information . . . . . .277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. . . . . .277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. . . . . .277-6813

### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

| | May 1986-P | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Placements | 966 | 1,341 | 1,370 |
| New Applications | 3,325 | 3,064 | 2,757 |
| New Openings Rec'd. | 2,621 | 2,601 | 3,159 |

P-Preliminary

### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

| | May 1986 | Apr. 1986 | % Change Apr.1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 7,424 | 7,902 | - 6.0 |
| No. of Payments | 44,714 | 53,560 | - 16.5 |
| Amt. of Payments | $ 5,568,274 | $ 6,735,274 | - 17.3 |
| Exhaustions | 1,032 | 1,235 | - 16.4 |

### TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

| | May 1986 | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 3,592 | 3,654 | 3,815 |
| No. of Payments | 23,898 | 25,750 | 23,216 |
| Amt. of Payments | $ 3,139,063 | $ 3,406,684 | $ 2,870,158 |

### RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
*(In thousands)

| | May 1986 | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 507.4 | 500.9 | 504.6 |
| Unemployment | 17.5 | 19.5 | 24.8 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.4 | 3.9 | 4.9 |
| Seas. Adjusted Rate | 3.7 | 3.8 | 5.3 |

### PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | Apr. 1986 | Mar. 1986 | Apr. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 324.7 | 324.9 | 326.9 |
| Unemployment | 12.0 | 14.6 | 17.3 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.7 | 4.5 | 5.3 |

### PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | Apr. 1986 | Mar. 1986 | Apr. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 164.5 | 165.3 | 161.8 |
| Unemployment | 7.9 | 9.4 | 9.2 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 4.8 | 5.7 | 5.7 |

### NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

| | Apr. 1986 | Mar. 1986 | Apr. 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 33,515 | 33,100 | 33,095 |
| Unemployment | 1,025 | 1,310 | 1,285 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 |

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
MAY 19-23, 1986

| Sex and Age | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 11,143 | 100.0 |
| Men | 5,798 | 52.0 |
| Under 45 | 4,228 | 72.9 |
| 45 and over | 1,570 | 27.1 |
| Women | 5,345 | 48.0 |
| Under 45 | 3,775 | 70.6 |
| 45 and over | 1,570 | 29.4 |
| **Industry Attachment** | | |
| Contract Construction | 969 | 8.7 |
| Manufacturing | 5,480 | 49.2 |
| Public Utilities | 367 | 3.3 |
| Wholesale and Retail | 1,938 | 17.4 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 284 | 2.5 |
| Service | 1,604 | 14.4 |
| All Other | 501 | 4.5 |
| **Occupational Skills** | | |
| Prof., Tech. and Managerial | 1,554 | 13.9 |
| Clerical and Sales | 2,572 | 23.2 |
| Service | 1,119 | 10.0 |
| Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ. | 117 | 1.0 |
| Processing | 300 | 2.7 |
| Machine Trades | 1,303 | 11.7 |
| Bench Work | 1,404 | 12.6 |
| Structural Work | 1,403 | 12.6 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,186 | 10.6 |
| INA | 185 | 1.7 |

## TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

| | EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS | | | NET CHANGE FROM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May 1986 | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 |
| TOTAL EMPLOYMENT * | 430.9 | 424.9 | 428.6 | + 6,000 | + 2,300 |
| MANUFACTURING | 119.6 | 119.4 | 117.7 | + 200 | + 1,900 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | 311.3 | 305.5 | 310.9 | + 5,800 | + 400 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 15.5 | 14.4 | 15.5 | + 1,100 | - |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 13.8 | 13.7 | 13.9 | + 100 | - 100 |
| TRADE (Wholesale & Retail) | 94.3 | 91.8 | 93.9 | + 2,500 | + 400 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 23.5 | 23.4 | 23.3 | + 100 | + 200 |
| SERVICE (Miscellaneous) | 106.7 | 104.4 | 106.1 | + 2,300 | + 600 |
| GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local) | 57.5 | 57.8 | 58.2 | - 300 | - 700 |

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

## ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

| | EMPLOYMENT | | | | | PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In Thousands | | | Net Change From | | Weekly Earnings | | Weekly Hours | | Hourly Earnings | |
| INDUSTRY GROUP | May 1986 | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 | Apr. 1986 | May 1985 | May 1986 | May 1985 | May 1986 | May 1985 | May 1986 | May 1985 |
| ALL MANUFACTURING | 119.6 | 119.4 | 117.7 | +200 | +1900 | $ 319.95 | $302.40 | 40.5 | 40.0 | $7.90 | $ 7.56 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 82.0 | 81.8 | 80.5 | +200 | +1500 | 320.33 | 302.80 | 40.6 | 40.0 | 7.89 | 7.57 |
| LUMBER/FURNITURE | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 0 | + 100 | 377.87 | 346.09 | 40.5 | 41.3 | 9.33 | 8.38 |
| STONE-CLAY-GLASS | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0 | 0 | 399.43 | 374.95 | 40.8 | 40.8 | 9.79 | 9.19 |
| PRIMARY METALS | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.6 | - 100 | + 400 | 395.76 | 385.42 | 43.3 | 43.6 | 9.14 | 8.84 |
| FABRICATED METALS | 9.6 | 9.5* | 9.5 | +100 | + 100 | 285.68 | 277.26 | 39.9 | 40.3 | 7.16 | 6.88 |
| NONELECTRIC MACH. | 5.7* | 5.7* | 5.4 | 0 | + 300 | 436.27 | 404.80 | 44.7 | 42.7 | 9.76 | 9.48 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY | 12.1 | 12.1 | 11.8 | 0 | + 300 | 295.71 | 283.71 | 39.8 | 38.6 | 7.43 | 7.35 |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIP. | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 | 420.80 | 421.26 | 40.5 | 41.3 | 10.39 | 10.20 |
| INSTRUMENTS | 5.6* | 5.6* | 5.5* | - 0 | + 100 | 317.54 | 300.54 | 41.4 | 41.8 | 7.67 | 7.19 |
| JEWELRY-SILVERWARE | 22.6 | 22.4 | 22.8 | +200 | - 200 | 249.48 | 241.13 | 39.6 | 39.4 | 6.30 | 6.12 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MFG. | 6.2 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 0 | + 400 | 256.41 | 223.01 | 37.0 | 34.1 | 6.93 | 6.54 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 37.6 | 37.6 | 37.2 | 0 | + 400 | 318.77 | 300.80 | 40.3 | 40.0 | 7.91 | 7.52 |
| FOOD-BEVERAGE | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 0 | + 200 | 259.50 | 235.15 | 37.5 | 36.8 | 6.92 | 6.39 |
| TEXTILES | 10.6 | 10.7 | 10.5 | - 100 | + 100 | 297.25 | 277.16 | 41.4 | 41.0 | 7.18 | 6.76 |
| APPAREL | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0 | 0 | 272.30 | 244.77 | 41.7 | 39.1 | 6.53 | 6.26 |
| PAPER PRODUCTS | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | +100 | + 200 | 304.61 | 279.75 | 41.9 | 41.2 | 7.27 | 6.79 |
| PRINTING-PUBLISHING | 6.4 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 0 | 0 | 425.57 | 401.94 | 38.9 | 38.5 | 10.94 | 10.44 |
| CHEMICAL PRODUCTS | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 0 | - 400 | 425.80 | 399.96 | 41.1 | 40.4 | 10.36 | 9.90 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0 | 0 | 325.43 | 332.88 | 42.1 | 43.8 | 7.73 | 7.60 |
| PLASTICS PRODUCTS | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 0 | + 100 | 302.64 | 312.40 | 39.0 | 40.0 | 7.76 | 7.81 |
| LEATHER PRODUCTS | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 0 | + 200 | 226.80 | 207.32 | 40.5 | 40.1 | 5.60 | 5.17 |

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a year ago, the largest payroll increases in Durable Goods were reported in Primary Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+400 each), followed by advvances of 300 each in Nonelectrical Machinery and Electrical Machinery. Also up from their year ago job levels were Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Instruments (+100 each). For the twelve month period, the only employment decrease occurred in Jewelry/ Silverware (-200), while the remaining segments posted no annual change.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, a monthly job gain of 100 in Paper Products counterbalanced a decline of 100 in Textiles. Employment in the seven remaining Nondurable categories was unchanged, from April to May. On an annual basis, payroll increases were posted in Food-Beverage, Paper Products and Leather Products (+200 each). In addition, upturns of 100 each were reported in Textiles and Plastics Products. The sole job decline from a year ago was registered in Chemical Products (-400), while the remaining industries stayed at their May 1985 levels.

## NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector increased by 5,800 from April to May, primarily the result of additional hiring in Trade, Service and Contract Construction. The May employment level of 311,300 represents a gain of 400 jobs compared to the year ago figure of 310,900.

Within the nonfactory sector, employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade rose by 2,500 in May to 94,300, up 400 from one year ago. Service payrolls, at 106,700 showed a monthly increase of 2,300 and were 600 higher than the May 1985 total. As a result of a monthly job gain of 1,100, Contract Construction employment rose to 15,500, but remained stable compared to a year earlier. Overall Government employment, at 57,500, was down 300 for the month and 700 on an annual basis. Both Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,800, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,500, increased by 100 jobs in the April-May period. Compared to May 1985, the former decreased by 100, while the latter segment was up 200.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 5 cents to $7.90 in May; this represents a gain of 34 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week remained at 40.5 hours from April to May, but this was 0.5 of an hour greater than the May 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in May amounted to $319.95, which was a gain of $2.02 from April and an increase of $17.55 from the year ago level.

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